**UPDATED 2/18/13!!!! THIS NEWER VERSION SHOULD HELP EVEN MORE!**

**Directions: Use this template to create your outline**. (Open this document, **SAVE** it to your own flash/jump drive; **then type your own research information** into it; **delete my reminders**, such as “add background information”). **Feel free to add more points** (C, D, etc) and (iii, iv, etc). You may also need to remove portions of the outline. Write out your full thesis and topic sentences; other support can be abbreviated. The more detail you add to your outline, the better your paper .**Include in the 3 (or more) required direct quotations for your paper. Use your own words (paraphrase), unless you use a direct quotation. See my example outline on the wiki page and/or in your Research folder. DELETE** these directions when you complete your outline. **Refer to your folder carefully for more guidelines and to see how your outline will be graded. Remember to SAVE this Outline immediately—and often!**

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1. **Introduction**
2. Hook/ Attention Grabber
   1. [Write Hook Here—Ideas include: a startling statistic; a powerful quotation; a little story relating to your topic; thought-proving information]
3. Add Background info here
   * 1. Add info. here
     2. Add info. here
4. What is the controversy? [Optional—can add more background information instead. See model introductions on my website] Add info. here
   1. Add info. here
   2. Add info. here

**D:** Thesis Statement:

1. [write thesis here]
2. **Subtopic #1**
3. Topic Sentence:
   1. [write topic sentence here]
4. Support for topic sentence
   1. Elaboration for above Support “A”
   2. More elaboration for Support “A”
5. Support for topic sentence
6. Elaboration for Support “B”
7. More elaboration for Support “B”
8. Summary Sentence
   * + 1. [summary sentence here]
9. **Subtopic #2**
   1. Topic Sentence:
      1. [write topic sentence here]
   2. Support for Topic sentence
   3. Elaboration for above Support “A”
   4. More elaboration for Support “A”
10. Support for topic sentence
    1. Elaboration for Support “B”
    2. Elaboration for Support “B”
11. Summary Sentence
    1. [summary sentence here]
12. **Subtopic #3**
    1. Topic Sentence:
       1. [write topic sentence here]
    2. Support for topic sentence
       1. Elaboration for above Support “A”
       2. More elaboration for Support “A”
    3. Support for topic sentence
       1. Elaboration for Support “B”
       2. Elaboration for Support “B”
    4. Summary Sentence
       1. [summary sentence here]
13. **Conclusion**
14. Restate your thesis statement—make it a bit different from original
    1. [enter thesis restatement here]
15. Summarize the main points of your paper
16. Try to include a call to action to persuade others to adopt your viewpoint if possible. This means you provide some ways for your problem to be solved. You may not even need sources for this. This does not work for all topics.
17. End with a powerful or thought-provoking idea. You could ask a question, have an insightful final thought about your topic, add a quotation, for example. *(see model research paper in folder or on wiki page for ideas)*
    1. [thought-provoking ending here]